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1. WORKING GROUP ON SECURITY (PARA 6 REFTTEL) FORMED

BY EUROPEAN CIVIL AVIATION CONFERENCE (ECAC) HELD ITS FIRST MEETING AT ECAC HEADQUARTERS IN PARIS DEC. 9-10 AND GOT OFF TO "VERY DYNAMIC AND ACTIVE" START, ACCORDING TO DOZ OF ECAC SECRETARIAT. MEYER OF SWITZERLAND IS CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERSHIP CONSISTS OF OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH CIVAIR SECURITY MATTERS FROM MEMBER STATES. THERE ARE NO REPS FROM AIRLINES.

2. REPS FROM ELEVEN MEMBER STATES ATTENDED THE FIRST MEETING BUT MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ANY OTHER MEMBER STATES THAT WISH TO PARTICIPATE. FURTHER MEETINGS OF WORKING GROUP HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR APRIL, JUNE AND SEPT. 1975 BUT IN MEANTIME SUB-GROUPS THAT WERE FORMED WILL HOLD MANY MEETINGS IN VARIOUS CAPITALS. DETAILED AGENDA HAS BEEN AGREED UPON TO GUIDE WORKING GROUP AND ITS SUB-GROUPS AND PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE FOR REGULAR EXCHANGE OF INFO AMONG PARTICIPANTS. WORKING GROUP DECIDED THAT STRICT SECRECY WOULD SURROUND ITS OPERATIONS, WITH RESULT THAT DOZ FELT HE WAS ENJOINED FROM IDENTIFYING FOR US STATES PARTICIPATING AND NAMES OF NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES AS WELL AS INDICATING EVEN SPECIFIC TERMS OF REFERENCE ASSIGNED EACH SUB-GROUP. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR WORKING GROUP AS LAID DOWN IN PUBLISHED REPORT ON ECAC'S SEVENTH INTERMEDIATE SESSION (REFTEL) PROVIDE SUFFICIENT INDICATION OF HOW WORK HAS BEEN DIVIDED UP.

3. WHEN WE ASKED WHETHER WORKING GROUP'S FOCUSING ON THIS SUBJECT WAS LIKELY TO RESULT IN ECAC-WIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF STIFFER SECURITY MEASURES WHETHER BY FORCE OF FORMAL ECAC RECOMMENDATION OR BY SOME MORE BINDING FORM OF AGREEMENT, DOZ NOTED THAT TERMS OF REFERENCE ADOPTED AT SEVENTH INTERMEDIATE SESSION FIX THE ACHIEVEMENT OF EFFECTIVE, COMMON MEASURES AS WORKING GROUP'S GOAL. HE ADDED THAT THE MERE FACT EXPERTS WOULD BE MEETING FREQUENTLY AND IN DIFFERENT CAPITALS WAS EXPECTED TO MAKE THEM BETTER AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS (AND INADEQUACIES, AS THE CASE MAY BE) OF CIVAIR SECURITY SITUATION IN INDIVIDUAL STATES THEY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD VISIT, AND COMMIT THEM ALL THE MORE TO COMING UP WITH STRONG RECOMMENDATIONS.

4. WE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR DOZ' BRIEFING AND ASKED HIM TO KEEP US AS CLOSELY INFORMED AS POSSIBLE OF WORKING GROUP'S PROGRESS BECAUSE OF USG'S KEEN INTEREST IN ALL MATTERS RELATING TO CIVAIR SECURITY. WE RENEWED OFFER TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF

ARRANGING FOR FAA SECURITY SPECIALISTS TO MEET WITH
WORKING GROUP FOR TECHNICAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AT SOME
FUTURE STAGE, WHICH MIGHT BE OF INTEREST IN THIS
MULTINATIONAL FORUM QUITE APART FROM WHATEVER BILATERAL
CONTACTS INDIVIDUAL MEMBER STATES MIGHT HAVE WITH FAA
ON THESE MATTERS.
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